

11 Stunning Hotels You Can Only Reach by Helicopter or Float Plane

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If you truly want to escape on your next vacation, you can't get more remote than these destinations.



Sheldon Chalet, Denali National Park, Alaska. Photo: Courtesy of Sheldon Chalet

Modern conveniences like Global Entry, TSA PreCheck, and smartphone apps are making flying easier than ever, but some destinations take just a little more effort to get to—and they're so worth the extra air time. You'll have to take a private helicopter or float plane to reach these private islands, cliffside lodges, and lakefront cabins, but, once there, you'll be rewarded with stunning scenery and almost total seclusion. Looking to drop off the grid for a bit? One of these 11 hotels should make the shortlist for your next getaway.

Sheldon Chalet, Denali National Park, Alaska



Photo: Jeff Schultz

The Alaskan wilderness is about as remote as you can get in the U.S., but this five-room property takes that to a new level—perched 6,000 feet above the Don Sheldon Amphitheatre on Ruth Glacier, it's only accessible by helicopter from Anchorage or Talkeetna. The Sheldon Chalet, which is located just 10 miles from the summit of Denali, is an eco-conscious mountain house offering simple, modern luxury and breathtaking panoramic views of the frozen Alaska Range, where guests can go heli-skiing, fishing at hidden lakes, dog-sledding, rappelling into ice crevasses, and glacier hiking. Even better: There's no internet or cell service. *sheldonchalet.com*